

## 2025 IEHP Foundation Responsive Grant Summary

### Overview

At IEHP Foundation, we are on a mission to inspire and ignite the health of the Inland Empire. However, we recognize that we can't do this work alone. We will only make a long-lasting impact through collaboration with our on-the-ground partners, who are actively working to improve the health and wellbeing of their communities. That is why we proudly partner with community-based organizations, nonprofits and networks to help reduce health disparities across San Bernardino and Riverside counties. We consider these vital partners, Champions for Vibrant Health.

In particular, IEHPF will be investing in building the strength and capacity of local community-based organizations, coalitions, and their leaders who address the social drivers of health that lead to greater physical and mental health across the region. Through investing in local leadership and capacity-building efforts, we can collectively strengthen the social sector workforce, build healthy neighborhoods and cultivate healthy living for all residents in the Inland Empire.

As part of an invite-only process, nonprofit organizations and collaboratives will be invited to apply for a one-year grant ranging from \$5,000 - \$25,000 to build organizational strength and systems change efforts aimed at reducing health disparities in the Inland Empire and in alignment with IEHPF's mission and vision.

Organizations can only apply if they have been invited by an IEHPF staff member. There will be three responsive grant cycles open in 2025 and organizations may only apply for one grant cycle.

In total, IEHPF will be disbursing approximately \$425,000 through the three grant cycles of the 2025 Responsive Grant opportunity.

### Eligibility Criteria

Nonprofit organizations applying must be a **nonprofit, public benefit organization** with evidence of tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Organizations must also:

- Have been established and operating for no less than 3 years.
- Are headquartered and/or have a significant presence of services in Riverside and/or San Bernardino County.
- Have an annual operating budget greater than \$250,000.
- Have a [2025 Candid Guidestar Seal of Transparency](#) rating of Gold or Platinum.\*
- Provide direct services, engage in advocacy efforts or support convenings of community-based organizations whose programs focus on serving IEHPF's priority populations and priority Vital Conditions. (See later sections for more information.)

- Have a funding request that supports our Strategic Goals. (See later sections for more information.)
- Receive an invitation to apply from an IEHPF staff member.

Fiscally sponsored organizations are eligible to apply. The fiscal sponsor must meet the eligibility criteria listed above.

\*In order to streamline the application process and allow for IEHPF to collect necessary information about an organization's programs, services and financial details, IEHPF used Candid Guidestar. For more information about how to meet this eligibility criterion, email [grants@iehpfoundation.org](mailto:grants@iehpfoundation.org).

Organizations receiving funding from IEHPF's other 2025 grant opportunities are **not** eligible to apply:

- 2025-2026 Champions for Vibrant Health Leadership Network
- 2025 Board Discretionary Grant
- 2025 Event Sponsorship\*
- 2025 Responsive Grant – organizations can only apply to one cycle of funding in a calendar year.

*\*Some exceptions may apply.*

## **Priority Populations**

Applicants must have a strong programming focus on serving families with children (under 18 years of age) in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties experiencing great disparities in health. This includes supporting families from:

- Low-Income communities with high rates of poverty
- Communities with poor health outcomes (Healthy Places Index (HPI) Score in the bottom 25<sup>th</sup> percentile. [Click here](#) for more information about HPI.)
- Communities that are remote or rural

## **Priority Vital Conditions**

Applicants' mission and programming must focus on addressing **at least one** of the following Vital Conditions action areas for the priority population listed above. Priority action areas are grouped by Vital Conditions below.

- *Basic Needs for Health and Safety*
  - Access to healthy food and nutrition
  - Access to services that reduce risky behaviors and addictions
  - Access to physical health services

- Access to mental health services
- *Meaningful Work and Wealth*
  - Access to education programs/career pathways for healthcare workforce
  - Access to education programs/career pathways for social services workforce
- *Humane Housing*
  - Access to safe living conditions for unhoused individuals
  - Access to affordable housing for housing insecure
  - Access to home ownership

For more information about the Vital Conditions for Health and Wellbeing, [click here](#).

## **Strategic Goals**

IEHPF will provide flexible, general operating support for projects, programs and activities that align with **at least one** of our Strategic Goals from either of the two goal categories below.

Applicants will also be required to identify the indicator(s) they will use to measure their performance towards achieving that goal.

<b>Organizational Strength</b> Strengthen nonprofit organizations' capacity to improve the delivery, availability and effectiveness of services that cultivate healthy living and build healthy neighborhoods for Inland Empire families with children experiencing the greatest health disparities.
<b>OS Goal 1: Improve reach and quality of services to Inland Empire families with children experiencing the greatest disparities in health.</b> Indictors of success include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Expansion of services to new community members and/or community members in priority populations</li> <li>2. Increased depth/quality of services to current community members served (e.g., more classes provided, more 1:1 coaching sessions)</li> <li>3. Increased efficiency and effectiveness of service deliver (e.g., decreased waitlists, increased client retention/program completion)</li> </ol>
<b>OS Goal 2: Increase financial resources available to achieve improved health outcomes for Inland Empire families with children.</b> Indicators of success include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New or improved technologies, software and internal processes to track finances, donations and fundraise.</li> <li>2. Increased philanthropic, corporate and private investments to organization (e.g., individual donors, social enterprises)</li> <li>3. Increased public funding and grants secured by organization</li> </ol>
<b>OS Goal 3: Improve leadership skills and practices that promote improved health outcomes for Inland Empire families with children.</b> Indicators of success include:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improved technologies, internal processes and staff knowledge of how to measure results and drive data-informed decisions.</li> <li>2. Increased knowledge of change leadership practices among nonprofit leaders</li> <li>3. Increased organization participation in collaborations, networks, partnerships and coalitions</li> </ol>
<b>Systems Change</b> Expand collective action leading to greater health access and outcomes for Inland Empire families with children experiencing the greatest health disparities.
<b>SC Goal 1: Strengthen communications and policy/advocacy efforts that advance Vibrant Health.</b> Indicators of success include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Advanced policy and collective advocacy at the local, state and federal levels that promote positive health outcomes</li> <li>2. Increased awareness and ability to enact healthy behaviors through trusted messengers via communications campaigns</li> <li>3. Increased strength and connectedness of intersectional network, coalitions, collaboratives and partnerships</li> </ol>
<b>SC Goal 2: Strengthen the Inland Empire social services and healthcare workforce to better address health access and outcomes.</b> Indicators of success include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increased diversity of social services and healthcare workforce in the Inland Empire</li> <li>2. Increased enrollment and advancement of Inland Empire community members in healthcare and social services pipeline and educational programs</li> <li>3. Increased access to preventative, physical and mental healthcare services in Inland Empire priority populations</li> </ol>
<b>SC Goal 3: Improved population health outcomes in communities experiencing the greatest disparities in health.</b> Indicators of success include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Decreased differences in health outcomes between Inland Empire subregions and subpopulations.</li> <li>2. Improved community conditions and environments that promote positive health outcomes, including availability of healthy food and spaces for physical activity</li> <li>3. Decreased rates of unhealthy behaviors among community members in priority populations, including obesity rates and alcohol/drug addiction rates.</li> </ol>

## Grant Cycle and Timeline

There will be 3 grant cycles for the 2025 Responsive Grant process. Below is the planned timeline for each grant cycle; deadlines are subject to change as needed.

In addition to the key dates below, IEHPF may schedule a site visit during the grant award period to learn more about a funded Champion's work and need for support beyond the check. IEHPF may also schedule events and networking opportunities to build connectedness among those organizations receiving funds from IEHPF.

<b>2025 Spring</b>	
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
February 21, 2025	Application opens.
March 21, 2025 at 5pm	Application is due.
March 23 – April 18, 2025	Grant reviewers evaluate applications. May reach out to applicant for site visit or additional information.
April 25, 2025	Award Notification Sent to Applicants.
May 1, 2025	Grant Funding Period begins. Funds will be remitted when completed Grant Agreement is received.
February 13, 2026	Grant Impact Report due.
April 30, 2026	End of Grant Period.

<b>2025 Summer</b>	
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
June 2, 2025	Application opens.
July 11, 2025 at 5pm	Application is due.
July 13– August 15, 2025	Grant reviewers evaluate applications. May reach out to applicant for site visit or additional information.
August 23, 2025	Award Notification Sent to Applicants.
September 1, 2025	Grant Funding Period begins. Funds will be remitted when completed Grant Agreement is received.
June 12, 2026	Grant Impact Report due.
August 31, 2026	End of Grant Period.

<b>2025 Fall</b>	
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
September 4, 2025	Application opens.
October 9, 2025 at 5pm	Application is due.
October 12 – November 13, 2025	Grant reviewers evaluate applications. May reach out to applicant for site visit or additional information.
November 20, 2025	Award Notification Sent to Applicants.
December 1, 2025	Grant Funding Period begins. Funds will be remitted when completed Grant Agreement is received.
September 11, 2026	Grant Impact Report due.
November 30, 2026	End of Grant Period.

### **Grant Reporting**

All funded Champions will be required to submit a Grant Impact report at the 9-month mark of the Grant Period. Funded Champions will report out on the progress made on the goal indicators selected

for the grant. The Grant Impact Report will open approximately 4 weeks before it is due in the Grants Management Portal.

### **Evaluation of Applications**

Applications will be reviewed by IEHP Foundation staff and volunteers, with evaluation criteria aligned with IEHP Foundation's mission and dedication to serving our priority populations.

In particular, grant reviewers will be evaluating the applications based on how strongly applicants demonstrate how the funds will help their organization build **accountability**, promote **results-based** decision making, improve **connectedness** with networks and community, and mitigate **health disparities** among Inland Empire families with children. We refer to these key evaluation categories as **ARCH**.

### **How To Apply**

Applications must be submitted in IEHP Foundation's grant management system. To access the grant management system and see the full application, [click here](#).

IEHPF staff will be providing an Access Code to those organizations invited to apply.

### **Communications**

Email communications regarding the status of your application will come from IEHP Foundation Grants <[administrator@grantinterface.com](mailto:administrator@grantinterface.com)>. Make sure this email address is marked safe on your server to avoid communications being blocked or sent to a SPAM folder. IEHPF staff may also contact you for additional information via the [grants@iehpfoundation.org](mailto:grants@iehpfoundation.org) email account.

### **Additional Questions**

For any additional questions, comments or accommodation needs, please email Sara Omari, Strategy Program Administrator, at [grants@iehpfoundation.org](mailto:grants@iehpfoundation.org). Please allow 1 – 3 business days for a response.